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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT; SOVDEL VISIT ON RIVER BASIN
MODELING

1. SOVDEL VISITED US SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 9 FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON A WORK PLAN FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN VERSIONS OF MEETING'S "FINAL REPORT" BEING POUCHED. OF NOTE IS US PROPOSAL, ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS, TO MODEL EACH OTHER'S RIVERS AS COMPARATIVE TEST OF RESPECTIVE SYSTEMS AND ASSUMPTIONS.

2. SOVDEL HEADED BY V.R. LOZANSKIY, DIRECTOR OF THE ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTION ON WATER PROTECTION (VNIIVO) LOCATED AT KHARKOV. ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE Y.V. YEREMENKO, LEADER OF THE HYDRAULICS LABORATORY, VNIIVO, AND V.B. STRADOMSKIY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HYDROCHEMICAL INSTITUTE AT NOVOCHERKASSK. A FOURTH DELEGATE, YA. F. ROVINSKIY, CANCELLED AT THE LAST MOMENT. US SIDE WAS HH EED BY MARK PISANO, DIRECTOR, WATER PLANNING DIVISION, EPA HEADQUARTERS.

3. MEETINGS WERE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA AREA 10/17-21, WITH FULL DAY AT DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION. 10/21-23 WERE SPENT AT EPA'S LABORATORIES IN CINCINNATI, AND LOCAL TREATMENT FACILITIES. 10/24-29 WERE SPENT IN WASHINGTON AT EPA HEADQUARTERS DISCUSSING THE WORK PLAN AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE MODELING PROCESS. FINALLY, THE GROUP WENT TO NEW YORK ON THE 29TH FOR VISITS TO LOCAL FACILITIES AND SOME SIGHT-

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SEEING. THE TENOR OF THE EXCHANGES THROUGHOUT WAS EXCELLENT. THE SOVIET SIDE WAS WELL PREPARED FOR ITS MISSION, AND THE DISCUSSIONS WERE DIRECT AND PRODUCTIVE.

4. ALL SOVDELS TO EPA HAVE FAILED TO MAKE OWN RETURN RESERVATIONS. AEROFLOT INDICATED INABILITY TO CARRY THIS SOVDEL ON 10/24, BUT SOVIET EMBASSY INTERCEDED AFTER ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR RETURN VIA PARIS ON TWA AND AIR FRANCE. REQUEST EMBASSY INDICATE TO HYDROMET THE NECESSITY FOR SOVDELS TO HAVE CONFIRMED RETURN RESERVATIONS TYPED ON TICKETS PRIOR TO DEPARTING USSR.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY ASK HYDROMET TO FOLLOW UP CAHILL LETTER OF 8/24 TRANSMITTED VIA EMBASSY TO YAKOVLEV CONCERNING VISIT TO USSR IN DECEMBER ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DISCHARGES. KISSINGER

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